

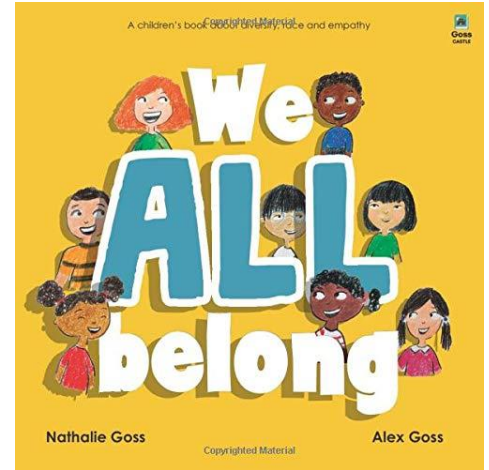


Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear Families,

**We All Belong**

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, I am trying to read stories in assembly when I can. This week, I needed to speak to the children about a topic that needs to be discussed to make sure we are a school where everyone truly feels like they belong – we discussed racism. Sadly, we have had to manage racist language and racist bullying at school. This story is about how amazing it is that we are all different, but that we all belong together. There is a page that states: 'In our school we all belong. Together we all get along.'



We spoke about some people not feeling like they belong because of racist names being used, being left out of activities, being made to feel like you have to change how you look. I shared with the children that we will not accept racism at our school or within our community.

I told the children that we've now had enough incidents that we have to adapt our school Behaviour Policy to state that if you are involved in racism in school, you will be internally suspended for a day. This means your child will not be with their friends, they will complete their school work away from their classroom, and they will not be able to share break and lunchtime with their class - we will also speak to parents at this time to share our concerns. If there were to be a second incident of racism, I will take the decision to suspend the child and have a meeting with the child's family to discuss what next steps need to be taken to make sure we are clear that racism is not acceptable. We all must say 'Racism. It stops with me.' It is a choice we must take in school, at home, and in the community. If you'd like to read the story, I found this link on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ffX3GeRuoJE>



**Attendance – for week ending 15<sup>th</sup> September**

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
88%	92.7%	97.6%	96%	88.3%	91.4%	96.3%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
93.1%	93.8%	91.2%	100%	94.2%	100%	95.2%

I am delighted to see our first 2 classes with 100% attendance for a whole week - well done to 5Boseman and 6Malala! Children in 5B and 6M may come to school on Monday in non-uniform. For all our new families, we monitor daily, weekly, and termly attendance for all children and classes across the school – any class that has 100% attendance for a week will get a special sticker and will be able to wear non-uniform on the following Monday. The class with the most number of weeks of 100% attendance will have the delight of Muffin Madness, where children in that class will get to eat a muffin of their choice in school to celebrate. So, who will be our next class – or classes? 😊

**NSPCC S**

Our Year 5 and Year 6 classes had visitors from the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC). The classes watched an assembly and then spoke about a variety of topics, including the need to 'Speak Out, Stay Safe'. If your child is in Y5 or Y6, please speak to them about what they learnt during these sessions. I will be doing assemblies with the children in the coming weeks about what we must say NO to. We all have a responsibility to keep our children safe.

## Amazon Wish List

Unfortunately, I seem to spend too much time on Amazon ordering items for home and school – but this week I had an idea. I've opened a Summerswood 'wish list'. Everywhere in life at the moment, finances are tight - but I thought that opening our 'wish list' filled with books that we'd like the children to have access to would be a nice idea. If you, a member of your family or your child have a birthday coming up and you'd like to dedicate a book to the school on this occasion please go to our Amazon Wishlist [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1LQT508VWKAYS?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1LQT508VWKAYS?ref=wl_share) where I have added a variety of books we'd like to use this year. We would also be delighted for you to choose your own child-friendly book to add to our school collection. Once we have received it, we'll add a dedication sticker recognising your kindness in helping us to build a collection of new books for the school to enjoy.



Kind regards,

Sarah Kneller  
Headteacher

**Interesting fact:** 32% of British people believe a tennis ball is green, with around 60% thinking it is yellow - which side are you on?

### Dates to Remember

Friday 20th October	<b>School finishes at normal times for Half Term</b>
Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 30th October	<b>INSET Day – no children in school</b>
Tuesday 31st October	<b>Start of Autumn 2</b>
Tuesday 31st October	<b>3.10pm: Nursery Parents' Evening – more info to follow</b>
Wednesday 1st November	<b>3.10pm: Nursery Parents' Evening – more info to follow</b>
Wednesday 15th November	<b>3.30-5.30pm - Parents' Evening - more info to follow</b>
Thursday 16th November	<b>4-7pm - Parents' Evening - more info to follow</b>
Friday 1st December	<b>OCCASIONAL DAY – no children in school</b>
Monday 18th December	<b>Last day of term - for Nursery Children only</b>
Tuesday 19th December	<b>Last day of term – school finishes at 1.30pm</b>
Wednesday 20th December	<b>INSET Day – no children in school</b>
Thursday 4th January 2024	<b>Start of Spring Term 1</b>
Friday 16th February	<b>School finishes at normal times for Half Term</b>
Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 26th February	<b>Start of Spring Term 2</b>
Tuesday 26th March	<b>Last day of term - for Nursery Children only</b>
Wednesday 27th March	<b>Last day of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm</b>
Thursday 28th March	<b>INSET DAY – no children in school</b>
Monday 15th April	<b>Start of Summer Term 1</b>
Monday 6th May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Thursday 23rd May	<b>School finishes at normal times for Half Term</b>
Friday 24th May	<b>INSSET Day – no children in school</b>
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 3rd June	<b>Start of Summer Term 2</b>
Friday 5th July	<b>#WOODFEST 2024</b>
Monday 22nd July	<b>Last day of term - for Nursery Children only</b>
Tuesday 23rd July	<b>Last day of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm</b>



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# ACTIVITY CAMP

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**Furzehill Rd, Borehamwood WD6 2DW**

**23<sup>rd</sup> October - 27<sup>th</sup> October**

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# SAVE THE GREEN BELT!!

**Scan, Sign and Save the Horsefield  
from development!**

**23/0937/OUT Outline planning application for the  
erection of up to 220 dwellings Land Off Barnet Lane  
And Furzehill Road Borehamwood Hertfordshire**



Scan to save the Horsefield!

## Reasons to Object

1. Green Belt Protection: Proposed land lies within Green Belt, essential for nature preservation and urban containment.
2. Traffic Congestion: Approval risks increasing the already severe traffic congestion on Barnet Lane and Furzehill Road, endangering safety and air quality.
3. Infrastructure Strain: Over development strains infrastructure; more investment needed by the Council for growth.
4. Biodiversity Loss: Development harms biodiversity, contradicting claims of enhancement.
5. Flooding Impact: Existing flooding issues on roundabout by Furzehill Road and Barnet Lane worsen, affecting traffic flow and drainage.
6. Noise Pollution Risk: Noise from busy roads threatens new resident comfort, despite proposed solutions.
7. Access and Safety Concerns: Narrow roads hinder emergency response, pedestrian, and cyclist safety.
8. Unsuitable Cycle Path: Proposed cycle path threatens habitat, steep road risks cyclist safety.